

# The American Association for Thoracic Surgery

## Join Us in Minneapolis

The AATS is pleased to host its 2013 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, “City by Nature.” With Minneapolis and its sister city Saint Paul, you get two cities for the price of one—complete with great dining, shopping, attractions, and cultural opportunities. Minneapolis has been called the Midwest’s cultural capital for their art institutions and beautiful architecture. Walk along the Mississippi River in either city to experience the natural beauty of the area. Head out on the light rail train from downtown Minneapolis to more world-class shopping at the Mall of America or stroll to quaint downtown shops and boutique-filled neighborhoods.

### Registration & Housing Now Open!

Registrants may conveniently register online for the AATS 93rd Annual Meeting. Take advantage of the early fee and accommodations discounts by registering early.

Visit [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org) to learn more about the meeting offerings as well as the government travel and visa requirements for entering the United States.

### FEATURING:

- **Full-day** of Saturday Skills and Decision-Making Courses
- Developing the Academic Surgeon
- Working With Industry Course
- **Full-Day** Allied Health Personnel Symposium
- AATS/STS Postgraduate Symposia
- **Sunday Luncheon Symposia:** Albert Starr, MD, Emanuel Legacy Hospital –“The Price of Innovation”
- **Presidential Address:** Hartzell V. Schaff, MD, Mayo Clinic
- **Basic Science Lecture:** William D. Edwards, MD, Mayo Clinic
- AATS Learning Center Featuring Case Videos
- Resident Poster Session
- TAVI Suite

To view the **full schedules** for the Saturday Skills and Decision Making Courses and Sunday AATS/STS Postgraduate Symposia, please visit our Web site at [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org).

For more information about the **2013 AATS Annual Meeting** please visit [www.aats.org/annualmeeting/](http://www.aats.org/annualmeeting/)

## 2013 Summer Intern Scholarship Applications Now Available

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS) Summer Intern Scholarship program introduces the field of cardiothoracic surgery to first- and second-year

medical students from North American medical institutions. By providing an opportunity to spend 8 weeks during the summer working in an AATS member’s cardiothoracic surgery department, the summer intern scholarship provides medical students with insight into the scientific investigation and study of cardiothoracic surgery.

A grant of \$2,500 is provided to successful applicants to underwrite their living expenses during the 8 weeks of guidance at the selected host institution. Additionally, all awardees will receive complimentary registration to the Association’s 2013 Annual Meeting and postgraduate courses taking place May 4-8, 2013, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

For more information and to submit an application please visit the AATS Web site at [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org). Application Deadline: January 15, 2013

## 2013 AATS Grant Writing Workshop

### March 8th, Bethesda, MD

Organized by the AATS Scientific Affairs and Government Relations Committee, the 2013 AATS Grant Writing Workshop will take place on **Friday, March 8, 2013**, at the Doubletree Bethesda in Bethesda, MD (9 miles from Washington, DC). This full-day program is designed for all levels of academic cardiothoracic surgeons interested in applying for grants.

The workshop will provide attendees with a better understanding of the complex nature of preparing and submitting grant proposals along with the techniques required to ensure submissions are of the highest quality. Through a didactic session, interactive panel discussions, and a mock study session, attendees will work with well-known leaders in cardiothoracic surgery and NIH Staff to achieve the following:

- Create career development and training grants
- Analyze outcomes research and clinical research networks
- Assess the structure and components of a grant
- Identify extramural program and funding opportunities—NCI and NHLBI
- Understand the steps to becoming an NIH investigator

The deadline for registration is Friday, February 8, 2013. For additional information on the workshop program, housing, and to register please visit [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org).

## 2013 AATS Mitral Conclave

Decision Making, Outcomes, & Surgical Video Sessions, [www.aats.org/mitral](http://www.aats.org/mitral)

### Call for Abstracts/Videos

Submission Deadline: January 3, 2013

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The 2013 AATS Mitral Conclave will bring the world's leading figures in mitral valve disease together for two days to discuss the latest information regarding management guidelines, imaging, pathology, minimally invasive approaches, percutaneous approaches, surgical techniques, devices, and long-term results. Faculty presentations of the latest available data, techniques, and state-of-the-art reviews will be supplemented by abstract and video presentations selected by the program committee from submitted original work. Selected manuscripts from accepted presentations will be considered for publication in a supplement to *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*.

On behalf of the Program Committee, we invite you to submit your abstract and video for consideration to the 2013 AATS Mitral Conclave. Abstracts are limited to 450 words. You may use ONE image OR ONE table within your abstract, which will NOT deduct from the word count.

**Accepting Abstracts and Videos in the following categories:**

- Degenerative Valve Disease
- Mitral Regurgitation in Heart Failure
- Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation
- Rheumatic Mitral Valve Disease
- Mitral Valve Endocarditis
- Congenital Mitral Valve Disease
- Other Mitral Valve Disease
- Repair Techniques & Strategies
- Mitral Valve Replacement
- Long Term Outcomes
- AFib in Mitral Valve Disease
- Tricuspid Valve Disease

**Video Submissions**

If submitting a video, you MUST submit an abstract via the abstract submission site. All submissions must include an abstract with a maximum of 450 words. Videos may not exceed 5 minutes in length. Complete submission guidelines can be found online at [www.aats.org/mitral](http://www.aats.org/mitral).

**Accreditation**

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

This activity has been approved for **AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**.

For more information on the 2013 AATS Mitral Conclave, or on submitting an abstract/video for consideration, please contact [mitral@aats.org](mailto:mitral@aats.org) or visit [www.aats.org/mitral](http://www.aats.org/mitral).

## The Western Thoracic Surgical Association

**Applications for Membership**

The WTSA Application for Membership is now online and must be submitted electronically. A candidate's application must include the following uploads: a photo, a complete curriculum vitae with bibliography, and the 3 most

significant articles that s/he personally wrote. The candidate's electronic membership application must be completed and submitted online by March 1, 2013, and all support letters uploaded by that candidate's sponsors by March 31, 2013, in order for the candidate to be considered for election to membership at the 2013 Annual Meeting. Visit the WTSA Web site at [www.westernthoracic.org](http://www.westernthoracic.org) to read membership eligibility requirements and to initiate an online application.

## The American Board of Thoracic Surgery

**Notices**

The part I (written) examination was held on December 3. It is planned that this examination will be given at multiple sites throughout the United States using an electronic format. The closing date for registration is August 1 each

year. Those wishing to be considered for examination must apply online at [www.abts.org](http://www.abts.org).

To be admissible for the Part II (oral) examination, a candidate must have successfully completed the Part I (written) examination.

A candidate applying for admission to the certifying examination must fulfill all the requirements of the Board in force at the time the application is received. Please address all communications to the American Board of Thoracic